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AMENDMENT

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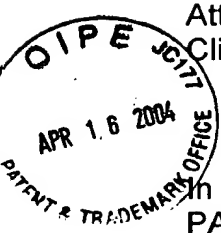
Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003, Applicants present the following amendments and remarks and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance in their view:

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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/response for this application.

EXTENSION OF TIME

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for a 2 months extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136.

FEES

The fee for claims and extension of time (37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17) has been calculated as shown below:

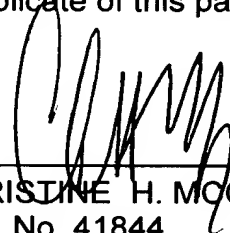
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INDEP.	1	- 3	= 0	X \$ 86.00	= \$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 290.00	= \$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE					\$ 0.00
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE					\$ 420.00
GRAND TOTAL					\$ 420.00

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Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$420.00 to Deposit Account No. 033975. Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

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